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MARK ON OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL
DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK

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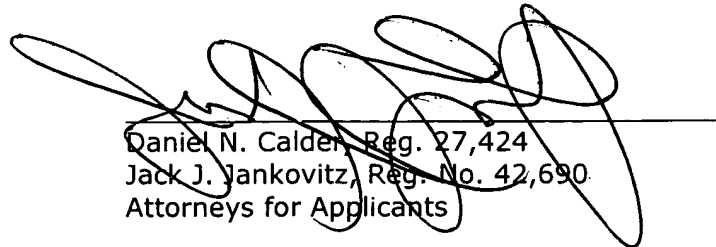
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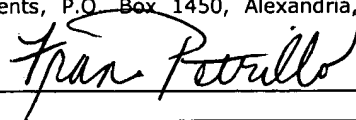
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